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READY TO CATCH CATFISH?

Catching catfish is a fun summer activity for the whole family. Bring along a cooler with ice to keep your catch cold and preserve that great taste.

Catfish have a great sense of smell and taste. Try prepared dip baits, chicken livers, bread, hot dogs, minnows or chubs, green sunfish, bluegill, crawdads, frogs, night crawlers or dead, but fresh, gizzard shad.

Find a great place to catch catfish with our [interactive Fishing Atlas](#). Check our [weekly fishing report](#) to find out where the catfish bite is hottest.

Don't miss out on this fun summer tradition!

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